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As a matter of record, the Remington rifle, SN A17350 recovered in vicinity of the murder scene in this case was test fired for accuracy before this rifle was returned to the Memphis Police Department. With the telescope sight mounted on the rifle, as received, the point of impact of bullets fired at 25 yards was approximately 1½" below and 1" to the right of the aiming point on the target. Where three shot groups were fired at 205' which was reported as the distance from which King was shot, the center of the groups was approximately 3" to the right and only slightly below the point of aim. The targets fired are being made a part of the Laboratory examiner's notes and retained in the Bureau's files in this case. It is pointed out that these data reflect the condition of the weapon when received in the Laboratory. It is possible that some misalignment of the telescope sight may have occurred when the rifle was abandoned by the suspect or in subsequent handling prior to receipt of the weapon in the Laboratory.

ACTION: For information.

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